



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005, and supplemental to the Amendment filed on December 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Carter